

LOM PTO Minutes
May 12, 2014, 2:15PM, LOM Teacher's Lounge

Sue Diaz called the meeting to order at 2:20PM.

Sue Diaz thanked Ann Lebert for being a devoted PTO member. She also recognized Toni Grimm for her work on the PTO. She then thanked Michele Baselice and Liza Burns for serving on the board. Ann Lebert thanked Sue Diaz for her service as President of the Board.

HOSPITALITY- SUE DIAZ for ADRIENNE SANFORD

Every staff member received a gift card to Paradise Bakery this year. Sue Diaz read several thank you notes from staff members to PTO, including from Mrs. Darden, Mrs. Lillie, Mrs. Godfrey and Mrs. Johnson and Barrett.

Approval of minutes from previous PTO meeting with the change of deleting the fourth grade as a grade receiving an additional section. Only 5th grade will add a section for next year: Jennifer Dunnion motioned to approve the minutes from the 4/14/14 meeting. Briana Beveridge seconded. All approved.

UPDATED BYLAWS – LIZA BURNS

The Board voted to add an amendment to the PTO Bylaws. The change limits the use of PTO funds for PTO projects, eliminating PTO's involvement in potential pass-through situations. A discussion was held about how certain things would be funded including District Honor Band. Mrs. Johnson advised that an account would be created and submitted to Audrey Damon. Any teacher can create an account to handle monies. Mr. Mike uses an account for Cross Country. The Board also voted to amend the Board's term of service from 8/1 to 7/31 to 6/1 to 5/31, so that it tracks the school year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – TRICIA JOHNSON

We are wrapping up the school year. Mrs. Johnson is planning an open forum on May 21 from 6-7pm. She is hoping to get some immediate feedback on topics, including: recess before lunch, parking issues. They have added an additional person out during peak hours. Some front office staff will be attending a Customer Service Development class. Staffing is looking great for next year. They only have to hire 2 teachers, kindergarten and special education. Also need to hire for an art teacher. Karen Huttenmeyer asked if free breakfast would be offered at school. Mrs. Johnson wasn't sure. Summer school classes will be held this summer, gifted in the morning and classes opened to everyone in the afternoon. A new bulletin board case was installed in front of building. A new facility use program is in place: schooldude.com. They will be redoing the lawn and doing some touch up painting this summer. Karen Huttenmeyer asked about the purchase of new furniture. Jennifer Dunnion asked about the installation of the shade structure. Mrs. Johnson is not sure of status, but the purchase order is cleared, process and the contractor is set to put it in.

TREASURER'S REPORT/BOOSTERTHON: MICHELE BASELICE and SUE DIAZ

We still need to pay Boosterthon their 48% of the proceeds collected. 83% of the donations have been collected. Mrs. Johnson commented that teacher feedback was positive. It didn't take class time and was an easy message to get behind. The largest negative was the large percentage that goes to Boosterthon. Sue Diaz said that she felt there was some confusion because they did not have the teacher pre-meeting. Teachers told her they wished they could have run with the students instead of marking off laps. A discussion was held about doing a direct donation campaign. Sue Diaz commented it was difficult to motivate people to give. Fall Festival bring in less and Sue feels like it depends what the goals are. She volunteered to head the Boosterthon again next year if we decide to do it. Mrs. Johnson commented that the teachers voted on what technology they would most like to see and the overwhelming vote was to fill the classrooms with smartboards. We currently have 19 smartboards. Karen Huttenmeyer asked if it was realistic to do the Boosterthon at the beginning of the year as a team building exercise. She also commented that she would

rather give 100% of the money directly to the school. Mrs. Johnson thought it would be fine to do a marketing campaign for direct donations. Dena Wingert suggested we try it and see if it is successful. She also thought we could possibly negotiate with Boosterthon to eliminate the \$2 fee to pay online and lower their percentage. Sue Diaz said if we are going to do the Boosterthon next year we have to decide today to reserve the dates for next year. The majority of PTO members present felt we should not do it again next year if we had to decide immediately. We need to pick the weeks for the Fall Catalog sale next year. Most present felt we should attempt a marketing campaign at the beginning of the year for flat donations: Be a Friend to Lookout Mountain. The \$21,000 we raised from Boosterthon was earmarked for technology. Mrs. Johnson said they would be rolled out from the top down, filling up 4th grade and then 3rd grade classrooms. Sue Diaz made a motion to earmark the \$21,000 for smartboard purchases. Briana Beveridge seconded. All approved.

EVENING OF THE ARTS – ANN LEBERT

Evening of the Arts is Thursday evening. John Martin representing Dads on Duty said he has about 5-8 volunteers to help with crowd control.

BOOK FAIR – SUE DIAZ for JAMIE BASHAM

Book Fair is this week.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS – SUE DIAZ

Sue Diaz nominated Liza Burns to be president next year. Ann Lebert seconded. All approved. Sue Diaz nominated Michele Baselice to remain as treasurer. Ann Lebert seconded. All approved. Liza Burns nominated Jennifer Dunnion to be secretary. Sue Diaz seconded. All approved. Liza Burns nominated Karen Konetzni as VP. Sue Diaz seconded. All approved.

OPEN FORUM

Briana Beveridge is organizing her food truck night for May 27, 2014, from 5:30 to 8:30pm. They will use cafeteria and will combine with Yearbook Signing party. Flyers will go home this week. PTO will get 10% of proceeds.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10PM.

ATTENDANCE: Sue Diaz, Ann Lebert, Michele Baselice, Liza Burns, Jennifer Dunnion, Dena Wingert, Gwen Gardner, Julia Wright, John Martin, Tricia Johnson, Audrey Barrett and Briana Beveridge.